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SUBJ: 1974 GERMAN INDUSTRIES FAIR (GIF)

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1. THREE ALLIES INFORMED SENAT IN JANUARY OF DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN GIF 1974 AND ONWARDS. IN ANSWER TO SUBSEQUENT REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION "JUST ONE MORE YEAR", ALLIES TOLD SENAT ON FEBRUARY 12 DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE HAD NOT CHANGED.

2. ON FEBRUARY 16 SENAT LEAKED STORY TO PRESS THAT ALLIED PARTICIPATION WAS IN QUESTION AND SENAT WAS CONSIDERING FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

3. ON FEBRUARY 18 THREE MINISTERS AND SENAT REACHED APPARENT BUT STILL INFORMAL CONSENSUS THAT ALLIED GOVERNMENTS WILL NOT PARTICIPATE BUT THAT ALLIES HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PARTICIPATION BY PRIVATE FIRMS. SENAT HAS MENTIONED INFORMALLY POSSIBILITY OF SUBSIDIZING PRIVATE FIRMS UP TO DM 20,000 FOR EACH OF 10 U.S., 10 BRITISH AND 10 FRENCH FIRMS.

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4. IF ASKED FOR COMMENT BY PRESS USBER PLANS SIMPLY TO STATE

THAT ALLIES ARE IN TOUCH WITH SENAT ON THIS MATTER.

5. THEME OF 1974 GIF IS URBAN TRANSIT. DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH
TO CONTACT DOT TO ASCERTAIN LIKELIHOOD WHETHER ANY U.S. FIRMS
MIGHT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN GIF FROM SEPTEMBER 21 TO 29, 1974, AND,
IF SO, TO WHAT EXTENT IF ANY SUBSIDY MIGHT BE WARRANTED.
CERTAIN THAT SENAT WOULD SETTLE FOR A LESSER NUMBER
OF FIRMS THAN TEN (10), PERHAPS THREE OR FOUR IF THAT
IS ALL WE CAN MUSTER.KLEIN

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